

BELGIANS KEPT FROM RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES

NOON-DAY LUNCHEONS TO BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1

Announcement was made Tuesday that the Chamber of Commerce has decided to discontinue the practice of holding a noon-day luncheon each Wednesday until Sept. 1. The fact that Battery is given the use of the headquarters of the organization for a mess-hall makes this action necessary.

GERMAN PLEDGES VIOLATED AND PRISONERS PREFER DEATH

EVEN ARE KEPT FROM ATTENDING FUNERALS

ENFORCED WORK AND PRIVATIONS WEAKLY EXCUSSED BY TEUTONS

(By Associated Press to The Banner) Havre, France, July 23 (By Mail)—The Belgian government has received information to the effect that deported Belgians working in the Thyssen works at Mulheim on Ruhr declared that as the Germans had violated their promise to send them back home at the end of four months, they would prefer to die rather than to continue. The Germans imposed a fine of 30 marks each and imprisonment for ten days upon the men.

One hundred and eighty Belgians in another German factory, refusing to continue work after four months, were deprived of food and 13 of them were imprisoned at Münster.

The Riebecke works, employing Belgian civilians in their mines, deprived the men of all nourishment for five days in order to force them to work. The directors of this concern justified their action, saying that the privation was not absolute but was necessary in order to overcome the passive resistance of the workmen.

Belgian civilians working at the munition factory at Gross Wusterwitz and Westfälischewoerke were obliged to transport hand grenades after having vainly protested against being put to such work.

The Belgian government has other proofs that a great many deported Belgians, in spite of their unanimous desire to return to Belgium, were not allowed even to attend funerals of relatives; some were refused the consolation of going home to bury their mothers. The deported appear to have entirely escaped the supervision of the delegates of neutral countries, the Germans putting forward the pretext that they are not prisoners of war. Whenever delegates have been exceptionally authorized to visit these civilians, it has always been in the presence of German authorities. The evidence gathered by the Belgian government in these cases is categoric and covers a period down to the end of March of this year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Columbus, O., Aug. 4, 1917.
Editor, The Democratic Banner,
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We are again soliciting your invaluable help in placing before the people of Ohio the wonderful results accomplished by the Unit of the Navy League of Columbus.

I am giving below a tabulation of the different articles that have been completed by our league here, and will ask you to kindly insert the information in your paper in suitable form, that it may be an inspiration and help to the different units over the state, and especially to the gracious workers in your city.

543 pairs of wristlets
380 scarfs
361 sweaters
17 helmets,
or a total of 1,241 completed articles.

Appreciating your most gracious assistance in this work, I am

Cordially,
ELIZABETH MEEKER.

CLUSTER-LIGHT POLES
ARE PAINTED AGAIN

The cluster-light poles on the public square took on added beauty Tuesday when they were given a new coat of bright green paint. The fresh coat of paint was sadly needed and when the painter got through with his work the poles shone "like a new dollar" (bill).

The Marshalltown, Ia., exemption board has authorized the examination in this city of Walter Strickler, who is visiting with relatives near Gambier. Mr. Strickler's serial number was drawn early.

SERIOUS CHARGE PLACED AGAINST CHARLES DAVIS

MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE CREATED DISTURBANCE AT MEETING AT THE CAVES

Charles Davis was haled before Mayor Mitchell Monday evening by Sheriff Monsholder on a charge of disturbing a religious meeting. The charge against Davis is based on his alleged misbehavior at the colored camp-meeting at the Caves Sunday when D. E. Morrow and Charles Harris were arrested, one on the charge of assault and the other for intoxication.

The affidavit was made against Davis by W. H. Turner who is connected with the meetings being held at the Caves. He charges that Davis was the cause of a great deal of annoyance and that at several times he made it absolutely impossible to continue the meeting in a respectable manner.

When arraigned, Davis waived examination and was bound over to common pleas court to await the action of the grand jury under \$200 bond. The bond was furnished and Davis was released.

D. E. Morrow, who was connected, it is charged, with a series of disturbances at the Caves Sunday and who waived examination in police court Monday afternoon on a charge of assault, was released Tuesday morning when bond in the sum of \$200 was furnished by some friends.

AUG. 10 HAPPY VALLEY

Mrs. Loda Powell of Mary, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. S. Bartlett, and family.

T. D. Bartlett is visiting relatives in Toledo several days.

Misses Blanche and Iva Dowds have returned home after several weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Iowa.

Cledith G. McDonald, who enlisted in the hospital corps, has returned to his work in Indianapolis, Ind., after a three week visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. V. McDonald.

Mrs. Winifred Hadley of Mt. Vernon was visiting her sister, Mrs. L. S. Bartlett, several days last week.

Mrs. Otto Perkins and son, Robert, were visiting Mrs. C. M. Fletcher several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Metzgar of Columbus are visiting their brothers, Joseph and George, and sister, Joanna Metzgar.

Miss Grace Paige was the afternoon guest of the Misses Clara and Reba Dowds Tuesday of last week.

G. O. Paige has several small bruises caused by falling on the pavement in Mt. Vernon Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Weir is spending several days in Mt. Vernon.

Several in this vicinity have threshed and report a good turn-out of wheat and rye.

CHILD MANGLED BY BINDER WILL RECOVER

PHYSICIANS WILL SAVE LEGS OF LITTLE SQUIERS CHILD

The condition of four-year-old Donald Squiers, who was severely injured when he ran over by a binder near Sparta Saturday afternoon, is somewhat improved according to Dr. W. H. Eastman of Fredericktown, who attended the child after the accident occurred.

That the amputation of either leg will be necessary is out of the question asserts Dr. Eastman, who says that the wounds have started to heal very well. The child suffers a great deal of pain from his mangled leg.

KNOX CO. MEN AS DRAWN IN DRAFT

The Banner publishes from day to day, until the full list is completed, the names of the men drawn in the draft, with their serial and call numbers. Today's installment follows:

Red Inf No. Call No.

1295 Jesse Morris Hauger 402

Gen. Deliv. Mt. V.

1510 Scott John Sterrett 403

Howard.

1091 Cooper Jackson 404

200½ Cathnon St., Mt. V.

2139 James Edward Farquhar 405

Greer.

470 Wild Phillips 406

Fredericktown.

312 Fred Montgomery Reagh 407

R. F. D. 5, Mt. V.

1507 Harry Myers Staats 408

Howard.

1729 Frank Don. Mason 409

R. F. D. 4, Mt. V.

1626 William Herbert Carpenter 410

Howard.

1284 Charles Byron Workman 411

Danville.

90 Harry J. Clayton 412

111 E. Burgess St., Mt. V.

191 B. F. Cotterman 413

607 W. Vine St., Mt. V.

477 Rufus H. Horn 414

Butler.

1187 Durfy Ernest Church 415

Danville.

1179 Ralph C. Allen 416

Howard.

753 Guy Loss Reed 417

Fredericktown.

1390 Geo. William Spindler 418

504 W. Ham'r'ck St., Mt. V.

858 Loral Ray Proper 419

Fredericktown.

1996 Simon Henry Darr 420

Danville, R. D. 1.

168 Bruce Lepley 421

900 W. Chestnut st., Mt. V.

1023 George Beck 422

308 W. Curtis St., Mt. V.

1932 Lloyd Eastman Ruhl 423

Fredericktown.

1774 Leslie William Cotton 424

Campbell's Flats, Mt. V.

424 Harry M. Stull 425

Howard.

246 Edmund McConnell Brown 426

Fredericktown.

1347 Cary Schoeler VanVoorhis 427

Bluffburg, Ia.

1511 Early Abraham Daning 428

Howard.

1188 Charles William Smith 429

R. F. D. 1, Mt. V.

657 George Henry Junior Gray 430

107 Wilson St., Mt. V.

1995 Edwin Stanton Beatty 431

Greer.

175 Clarence C. Higbee 432

500 Ridgewood ave., Mt. V.

2147 Wm. H. Millington 433

R. F. D. 6, Mt. V.

300 Lewis Russell Pugh 434

1104 W. Vine St., Mt. V.

278 Homer Gant 435

Gambier.

1622 Theodore Samuel Breece 436

Route 3, Mt. V.

1246 Isaac Otto Baker 437

Danville.

524 Raymond M. McClelland 438

Fredericktown.

2111 Glenn Wilbur Mauler 439

R. F. D. 5, Mt. V.

911 Boyd A. Boner 440

Fredericktown.

1172 George Edgar McKee 441

Howard.

532 Charles Guy Lauderbaugh 442

609 E. Chestnut St., Mt. V.

1517 Burl R. Carpenter 443

Walhonding.

1851 Earl Walton 444

Danville.

1924 Frank D. Rinchart 445

Centerburg.

1139 Evart Sevitz 446

Danville.

1214 Walter Freeman Whitman 447

Gambier.

336 Walter Parsons Sapp 448

202 E. Burgess St., Mt. V.

1952 Raymond Lee Kemmer 449

R. F. D. 6, Mt. V.

212 Edgar Brassieur 450

2 Ridgewood Ave., Mt. V.

1357 James Roy Hardesty 451

R. D. Bladensburg.

49 Harry Marion Smith 452

Fredericktown.

8 Tarence C. Taylor 453

Butler.

1707 Orla